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# GARGOYLES

A  
BRONX  
TALE

Also:

ELISA'S  
LAMENT





MYSTIC ENERGY CRACKLES IN THE AIR AS TIME AND SPACE ARE MANIPULATED BY A MASTER MAGE.

HE IS NOWHERE AND EVERYWHERE AT ONCE. BEFORE HIM IS A STRANGE POOL... AND REFLECTING IN ITS WATERS, THE IMAGE OF THE...

MY ARCAIC LIRN REVEALS THE LOCATION OF MY QUARRY.

**GARGOYLES**

THERE'S GOLIATH AND HUDSON, THE PRESENT AND PAST LEADERS OF THE CLAN. BUT WHERE ARE THEIR COMPATRIOTS?

## INTO THE FUTURE

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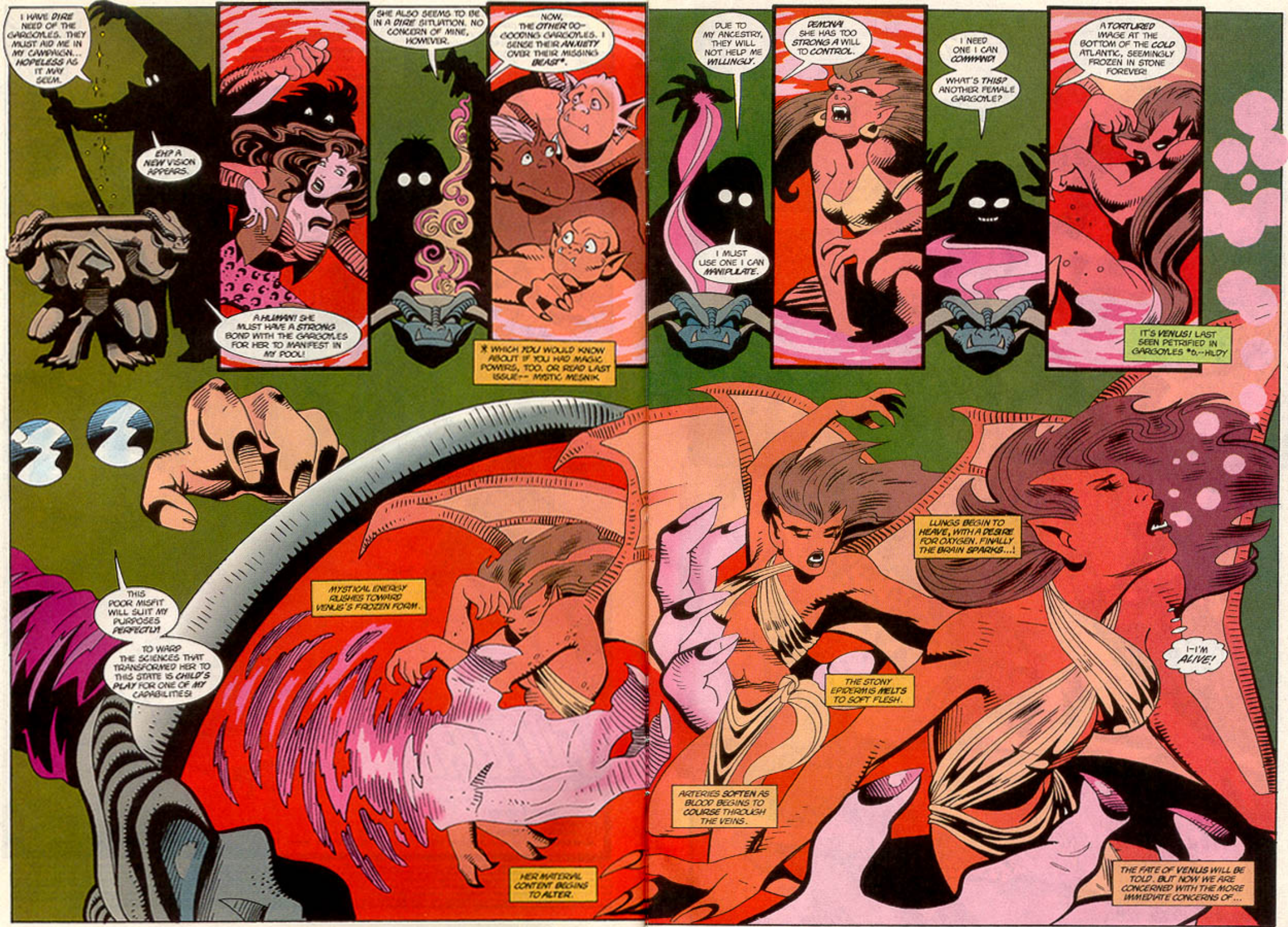
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I HAVE DIRE NEED OF THE GARGOYLES. THEY MUST AID ME IN MY CAMPAIGN... HOPELESS AS IT MAY SEEM.

EHP? A NEW VISION APPEARS.

AH! WHAT SHE MUST HAVE A STRONG BOND WITH THE GARGOYLES FOR HER TO MANIFEST IN MY POOL!

SHE ALSO SEEMS TO BE IN A DIRE SITUATION. NO CONCERN OF MINE, HOWEVER.

NOW, THE OTHER DO-GOODING GARGOYLES. I SENSE THEIR ANXIETY OVER THEIR MISSING BEAST.

\* WHICH YOU WOULD KNOW ABOUT IF YOU HAD MAGIC POWERS, TOO. OR READ LAST ISSUE-- MISTIC MESNIK

DUE TO MY ANCESTRY, THEY WILL NOT HELP ME WILLINGLY.

I MUST USE ONE I CAN MANIPULATE.

REMEMBER! SHE HAS TOO STRONG A WILL TO CONTROL.

I NEED ONE I CAN COMMAND!  
WHAT'S THIS? ANOTHER FEMALE GARGOYLE?

A TORTURED WAGE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE COLD ATLANTIC, SEEMINGLY FROZEN IN STONE FOREVER!

IT'S VENUS! LAST SEEN PETRIFIED IN GARGOYLES #0...HLOY

THIS POOR MISFIT WILL SUIT MY PURPOSES PERFECTLY!

TO WARP THE SCIENCES THAT TRANSFORMED HER TO THIS STATE IS CHILD'S PLAY FOR ONE OF MY CAPABILITIES!

MYSTICAL ENERGY RUSHES TOWARD VENUS'S FROZEN FORM.

HER MATERIAL CONTENT BEGINS TO ALTER.

LUNGS BEGIN TO HEAVE, WITH A DESIRE FOR OXYGEN. FINALLY THE BRAIN SPARKS....

THE STONY EPIDERMIS MELTS TO SOFT FLESH.

ARTERIES SOFTEN AS BLOOD BEGINS TO COURSE THROUGH THE VEINS.

I'M ALIVE!

THE FATE OF VENUS WILL BE TOLD. BUT NOW WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE MORE IMMEDIATE CONCERNS OF...



... ELISA MAZA,  
DETECTIVE,  
N. Y. P. D.



WELL, YOU  
WERE LOOKING FOR  
A KILLER, AND YOU  
FOUND HIM,  
GIRL!

FREEZE!  
POLICE!

STAY RIGHT  
WHERE YOU ARE.  
WHERE I COME FROM,  
A GUY USUALLY  
BEATS A BLADE!



OH!

GUN OR  
NO GUN, YOU'RE  
GOING DOWN.  
DROP THE  
KNIFE!

DAWN! HE'S  
QUICKER THAN  
HE LOOKS.

NO! YOU'RE  
JUST LIKE THE  
REST.



ACK!!

ALL  
RIGHT, YOU'LL  
DROP IT THE  
HARD WAY!













HOW. I'M GOING OVER THE EDGE. THIS CREEP HAS MY HEAD IN KNOTS!

NOW, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN--

AHH, I KNOW MY RIGHTS, CHICKIE.

MY LIFE'S BEEN TURNED UPSIDE DOWN BY THIS CASE. I GOT MY DETECTIVE BADGE BY ARRESTING A SERIAL KILLER.

HE WAS CONVICTED ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, BUT THIS GUY SHOWS UP YEARS LATER WITH THE EXACT SAME M. O.

I'VE GOT TO KNOW THE TRUTH!



THIS ISN'T YOUR FIRST KILLING SPREE HERE, IS IT?

NAH...



I WAS HERE, THREE, FOUR YEARS AGO. KILLIN' WITCHES WORKIN' THE STREETS. THEY'RE ALL EVIL... LIKE MY MOMMA.



WHEN THAT OTHER DUDE GOT NAILED FOR 'EM, I FIGGERED IT WAS TIME TO MOVE ON...

Y'KNOW, YOU LOOK LIKE MY MOM...



WHAT A HEADCASE!



BUT MY WORST FEARS ARE TRUE. I ARRESTED THE WRONG MAN. I'VE RUINED HIS LIFE!

COULD THIS MEAN THE END OF MY CAREER AS A DETECTIVE?



ELSEWHERE, IN THE  
SUBWAY TUNNELS  
BELOW...

OH, MAN!  
BRONX IS  
ONE GONE  
DOGGY!

WELL, WE  
BETTER FIND  
HIM! HE'S SURE  
TO CAUSE A  
RUCKUS IF HE  
CATCHES THAT  
TRAIN!

THIS IS  
ALL YOUR  
FAULT,  
LEXI

YOU  
WANTED TO BRING  
HIM DOWN TO THIS  
LABYRINTH!

YEAH, BUT  
EVEN YOU SAID IT  
WOULD BE GOOD  
FOR HIM!

ENOUGH  
BICKERING! IF WE  
DON'T FIND HIM,  
GOLIATH'LL  
KILL US...

**H-RONNK**

... IF THIS  
TRAIN DOESN'T  
DO IT FOR HIM!  
RUN!

THE  
DRIVER'S HIT THE  
BRAKES...

... BUT  
THE TRAIN AIN'T  
STOPPIN'!

**GANGWAY!**

**SHREEEEEEEE**













...SENSING THE  
ABANDONED HOMES,  
CARS, AND LOST HOPES  
AND DREAMS...

...OF THE  
SOUTH BRONX.

AND JUST DOWN  
THE BLOCK...



MAN, I'VE  
ACED YOU ALL ON  
MORTAL KOMBAT  
SO MUCH, IT AIN'T  
WORTH PLAYIN'  
ANY MORE!

I CAN  
THINK OF  
SOMETHIN' A LOT  
MORE AMUSIN'  
FOR US TO  
DO...

... BUT I  
DON'T KNOW IF  
PEE WEE CAN STAY  
OUT THIS  
LATE!



SURE, I CAN! I CAN  
DO ANYTHING  
YOU GUYS  
CAN DO!



YOU CAN HANG  
OUT WITH US,  
SHORT  
STUFF...

... IF  
YOU CAN  
KEEP UP  
WITH US!

HEY  
GUYS, WAIT  
UP!



HUH!



GUYS?!















AS LOW AS ELISA FEELS, THREE GARGOYLES ARE MUCH LOWER... UNDER THE CITY STREETS, SUBWAY SURFING!

JALAPENA!

THIS SURE BEATS WALKING!

ROOAAAARRR



RRRUMBLE

THE BRONX! MAYBE BRONX IS IN DA' BRONX!

ANY SIGNS OF HIM? MAYBE THIS GUY'S SEEN HIM.







... WHERE IS HE NOW?

SAY, GUYS, I DON'T THINK WE OUGHTTA GO INTO THAT ABANDONED BUILDING...



AHHH, YOU'RE JUST A CHICKEN, PEE WEE, Y' LITTLE BABY!

HAI I AM NOT! I CAN DO ANYTHING YOU CAN DO!



LEAD THE WAY AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S CHICKEN!



WELL, COME ON THEN! WE'RE GONNA HAVE A BLAST!



GRRRRR



WHAT ARE WE DOING IN HERE ANYWAY?

YOU'LL SEE!



GATHER 'ROUND, BOYS! THE MAN WITH THE GOODIES IS HERE!

I GOT SOME BABIES HERE YOU GUYS PROBABLY AIN'T SEEN SINCE LAST SUMMER... IF AT ALL!

WH-WHAT IS IT, WEEZ?



I GOT SOME FIRE-CRACKERS!

WATCH THIS!







CONCURRENTLY, RIKERS ISLAND LOOKUP...

SHKLANNNGG

BEFORE YOU GET PROCESSED, YOU HAVE A VISITOR IN THE WARDEN'S OFFICE.

YES, ME.

WHAT CAN I SAY? I'M SORR--

YOU.

WHY SO GLUM, JONES? YOU'LL BE OUTTA HERE IN A FEW HOURS.

SORRY? YOU'RE SORRY?!

YOU HAVE NO IDEA OF WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH. THE ONLY WOMAN I LOVED IS KILLED, I GET THROWN IN HERE AND GO THROUGH THE MOST HELLISH DEGRADATIONS IMAGINABLE! AND FOR WHAT?

SO YOU CAN MAKE THE ARREST THAT MAKES YOU A DETECTIVE.

I HOPE YOU'VE HAD A GOOD, COMFY LIFE ON THE OUTSIDE, 'CAUSE ALL THE TIME YOU'VE SEEN SUNSHINE, I'VE BEEN CAGED UP WITH LESS RIGHTS THAN AN ANIMAL!

I... I...

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT. I'VE LOST YEARS I'LL NEVER GET BACK. I'M CHANGED FOREVER. LIFE WILL NEVER BE LIKE IT WAS...

... AND IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, BUT I'M GOING TO REBUILD MY SHATTERED LIFE. I'M GOING TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST, BUT YOU...

"... YOU WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH WHAT YOU DID TO ME FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!"

I... KNOW.













ALL RIGHT!  
BRONX SAVED THE  
KID!

GRRRR!!

YEAH!  
WAY TO GO,  
BRONXIE!



LUCKY  
FOR YOU GUYS  
OUR LOVABLE PET  
WAS ON THE  
LOOSE.

OTHERWISE  
WE WOULDN'T BE  
HERE LOOKING  
FOR HIM.

AND WE ALL  
COULDN'T HAVE  
SAVED YOUR  
BUTTS!



MAN, I'VE LEARNED  
MY LESSON. I DON'T WANT  
TO BE A HUMAN TORCH!  
I'LL NEVER FOOL AROUND  
WITH FIRE AGAIN!



WA-REEEEEEEE

HERE  
COME THE FIRE-  
MEN. THEY'LL  
TAKE CARE OF  
THE BLAZE.

WE BETTER  
HEAD OUT. SO  
LONG, GUYS  
AND GOOD  
LUCK!



BYE!  
THANKS!

STILL THINK  
THEY'RE DEMONS,  
WEEZ?

NO.  
THEY'RE  
ANGELS!



AND, AT THE  
CLOCK TOWER...

OH, GOLIATH,  
HOW COULD I HAVE  
SCREWED UP SO  
BADLY?

ELISA, A  
WISE WOMAN ONCE  
TOLD ME, JUST TWO  
NIGHTS AGO...

"THERE ARE  
JUST SOME THINGS  
THAT HAPPEN THAT YOU  
HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO  
CONTROL OVER AND CAN'T  
BE HELD RESPON-  
SIBLE FOR."

JONES  
APPEARED TO BE  
THE MURDERER, AND  
A JURY BACKED  
YOU UP WITH A  
CONVICTION.

\*ISSUE  
#10.  
--HILDY

ULTIMATELY  
THE TRUTH CAME  
OUT.

AND IT IS  
BECAUSE OF YOU  
THAT A KILLER IS JAILED  
AND A WRONGED MAN  
CAN LIVE HIS LIFE AGAIN.  
YOU CAN'T BLAME  
YOURSELF.

ELISA! WE  
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU  
FOR AGES! HOW'S  
THINGS?

BETTER,  
NOW. IT'S GREAT  
TO SEE YOU  
GUYS!

IT'S ALMOST  
DAWN. WHAT HAVE  
YOU FOUR BEEN  
UP TO?

THANK  
YOU, GOLIATH. AS  
ALWAYS, YOU HELP  
ME PUT THINGS IN  
PERSPECTIVE.  
TWICE LIKE THIS I  
WISH WE--

HEY!

OH,  
WE'VE JUST  
BEEN WALKING  
AROUND  
BRONX!

RURRF!

NEXT: The DAY the SUN KISSED the EARTH!!





# WRITTEN IN STONE

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Please include your name, age, and address, though we will gladly withhold that information upon request.

**HILDY MESNIK** — Editor

To the Entire Gargoyle Clan,

I was beginning to think I was the only one out there that liked Demona and Xanatos. I usually prefer the good guys, and though I do like Goliath and his friends, Demona is my favorite Gargoyle. I would very much like to hear from other fans of the villains, or the clan in general.

I am 25-years-old and want to thank you for these wonderful additions to the tales of the Gargoyles. The comic is great and Demona is drawn excellently, and even looks more devilish than on TV. I haven't missed a single episode, comic and show alike. I would really like to be able to talk with others about this, so please feel free to write. And to everyone involved in the Gargoyles, thanks for something great to talk about.

Melissa Holtsclaw  
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**You're welcome, Melissa! Demona is one of artist Amanda Conner's favorite Gargoyles to draw — and it shows! I think many readers will agree that Xanatos and Demona are villains that everyone loves to hate!**

Dear Gargoyles,

I just found GARGOYLES #7 and bought it, plus #8 and #9 when they came out. Now I'm looking for #1-6. My favorite Gargoyle is Goliath. My mom, 38, and my dad, 36, and my brother Roger, 7, love the show and steal my comics! Keep up the good work.

Adam St. John, 13  
Holland Centre, Ontario

**It's been pretty tough for our readers to find back issues, Adam. We suggest trying your local comic book shop or visit a comic book convention that comes to your town. Hey, Gargoyles fans, any of you find a place with GARGOYLES back issues?**

Dear Written in Stone,

At this moment, I am now kissing your feet! Thank you so much for the GARGOYLES comics. After moving to Alaska, to my great horror, there was no Gargoyles TV show! I never missed a show while in Mississippi. I now sometimes have to travel 320 miles to get the new comic; ours is late at times. I really liked Venus, maybe she could return in a future issue. I used to wonder what a daughter of Goliath and Elisa would look like.

Maybe Elisa could come on a police business trip to Alaska. The Gargoyles would follow of course. Our winter hours of darkness are 18 to 24 hours a day.

Till nightfall,  
Christy Smith  
Valdez, AK

**Thanks for the foot-kissing, Christy. Sorry to hear you can't find Gargoyles on TV. Double-check your TV listings, they might just be on at a different time. As far as getting your GARGOYLE comics, may we suggest a subscription? It'll come to your address every month and it's cheaper than newsstand (especially when you have a 320 mile commute)! You'll find the form in this very issue!**

**As you may have noticed this issue, Venus will be back, thanks to massive reader demand. Wait'll you see what she's up to now! Also, the Gargoyles in Alaska is an excellent idea; however they may get a wee bit tuckered staying up 24 hours a day. Thanks for the idea!**

Dear Written in Stone,

I really enjoy GARGOYLES. It's the best comic book I've seen and read. I've only got two so far, but trust me, I'll get some more. My favorite characters are Goliath and Brooklyn. The reason I like Goliath is because he is so down-to-earth and will do anything to stop Demona's evil habits. The reason I like Brooklyn is because he seems like a really fun guy, I mean Gargoyle, to be around. I think when Brooklyn gets together with Lexington and Broadway they act like mischievous teenagers. Kind of the way I act. I think Brooklyn looks cute. I can't wait till your next issue comes out.

Lekeisha Files, 13  
Jacksonville, NC

**Goliath is pretty down-to-earth (except when he's flying around). And in addition to Brooklyn's good looks, you'll discover very shortly his strong leadership qualities.**

Dear Written in Stone,

I love your show and comics. I really like the one with Venus. Lexington, Broadway and Brooklyn are always together. Are they brothers? And why did Goliath want to kill Demona so bad in GARGOYLES #7?

John Hailer  
Rosemount, MN

**Lexington, Broadway and Brooklyn are "rookery brothers". They may have had different parents, but they were all hatched in the rookery at the same time and are of the same generation. Likewise, Goliath and Demona were birthed at the same time and are "rookery siblings". They have had a very tangled, love/hate relationship over the years and Goliath certainly didn't want to kill Demona in issue #7, as much as stop her twisted plans!**

Dear Written in Stone,

Well, I've finally gotten around to writing you guys. First, let me tell you how much I love the comic ... and the TV series, the toys, the pogs, etc. You get the picture. Anyway, I just finished GARGOYLES #9 and it reminded me of some questions I had when I started watching the series. Like, what really happened to the eggs in the rookery? Xanatos told them that the eggs were gone, but then we all know Xanatos will lie, as well as do other evil things, to suit his own needs. Also, did any of the other Gargoyles escape their terrible fate a 1000 years ago? If so, where are they now? Well, that's all for now. Thanks for taking the time to read my letter. I would like to have my address printed so other Gargoyles fans can write to me.

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**Of course, we don't want to be spoilsports and reveal ALL the secrets of the Gargoyles ... just yet. All we can say is that all your questions and those of our other readers will be revealed this season on the Gargoyles TV show and in these comic pages!**

Dear Gargoyle Dudes,

Man, you guys are cool. How do you guys keep up with all the comics? Do you watch the Gargoyles to know about them? You guys must watch a lot of Gargoyles TV shows.

Zachary Goodwin, 10  
Flushing, MI

**Editor Hildy Mesnik works closely with Gargoyles TV producer Greg Weisman to assure that this comic ties in with the animated series. And funny you should ask, Zachary, because Hildy, her intern Amy Houston, and writer Mort Todd get together almost every day to watch the TV show. (Don't tell their bosses!)**

Dear Hildy,

You should have an issue in which Amanda Conner and Grant Miehm team up. I know that artwork can be a sacred thing to an artist, but collaborations can be worth it in the long run. Both Amanda and Grant have strengths and weaknesses; the two of them together make the comic stronger. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Give me Demona or give me death,  
Joana Contreras  
Phoenix, AZ

**We're way ahead of you, Joana, as you've discovered with this issue's double artist jam! Hope Amanda and Grant fulfilled your wish!**

**Special thanks to Christy Marx!**